



COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES

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Mr. Vito Cannella
Ms. Rita Hall
Mr. John A. Hammargren
Mr. Carl E. Moore

MINUTES OF THE **SYBIL BRAND COMMISSION FOR INSTITUTIONAL INSPECTIONS** **REGULAR WEEKLY MEETING** **SEPTEMBER 26, 2007**

CALL TO ORDER

Chair Montañó called the meeting to order at 10:06 a.m.

OPENING CEREMONIES

Chair Montañó led the Pledge of Allegiance followed by a moment of silence.

ATTENDANCE

Present

Chair Eleanor R. Montañó
Vice Chair Helen Stathatos
Frank Bacio
Vito Cannella
Rita Hall

Excused Absences

John Hammargren
Carl E. Moore

Others Present

Janice A. Davis, Commission Services Staff
Andrew Sevrin, Commission Services Staff
Garen Khachian, Commission Services Staff

APPROVAL OF SEPTEMBER 19, 2007 MEETING MINUTES

On motion of Commissioner Hall, seconded by Commissioner Bacio, and unanimously carried, the minutes of September 19, 2007 were approved, with the following changes:

- On page 2, under Captain Warren Asmus, change: They are purchased by *"the Courts Division"* to *"Los Angeles Superior Court"*...

Commissioner Cannella joined the meeting at 10:10 a.m.

CHAIR'S REPORT

Chair Montaña reported on 2 events:

- On September 20, 2007 Commission Services hosted "The Brown Act Workshop" at the Hall of Administration. Ms. Barbara Goul, County Counsel gave an excellent presentation.
- On September 24, 2007 the Women's Commission hosted "The Second District Community Event" at the Junior Blind of America. Supervisor Burke spoke at the event.

Chair Montaña reported on 2 articles:

- "Judge Finds Inmate Rights Violated", Los Angeles Times article, September 24, 2007, reported Federal Court Judge, Dean Pregerson ruled that jail officials violated the prisoners' constitutional rights, citing them guilty of "Deliberate Indifference" when they failed to provide inmates with bunks.
- "Sheriff's Officials Face Gift Inquiry", Los Angeles Times article, September 26, 2007, regarding the Sheriff's Department conducting an investigation about some of its executives accepting gifts and entertainment perks from the Compass Group USA. The company has a multi-million dollar contract with Los Angeles County to sell snacks and beverages to jail inmates.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Commissioner Bacio reported the current balance of the Commission's Charitable Fund is \$1,078.08.

STAFF REPORT

Ms. Janice Davis, Staff, Commission Services, reported the following:

- The Junior Blind of America invited Chair Montaña to be their guest at the Commission on Disabilities Access Awards Luncheon on October 15, 2007.
- Ms. Davis will be on vacation next week and Mr. Andrew Sevrin will assist the Commission in her absence.

CORRESPONDENCE

There was none.

FACILITY INSPECTION REPORTS FROM SEPTEMBER 19 TO SEPTEMBER 25, 2007

Hillsides Home For Children – 30, #2 – Vice Chair Stathatos

The facility was visited on September 10, 2007, and found to be in outstanding condition.

Optimist Boys Home – 46, #5 – Vice Chair Stathatos

The facility was visited on September 11, 2007, and found to be in excellent condition.

Hillsides Home For Children – 30, #4 – Vice Chair Stathatos

This facility was visited on September 13, 2007, and no one was home.

United Care Inc. – 64, #4 – Commissioners Bacio, Hall and Moore

The facility was visited on September 13, 2007 and found to be in satisfactory condition.

Areas of Concern: Fire extinguisher upstairs needs to be updated; the needs and services plans are at the main office site.

Hillsides Home For Children – 30, #3 – Vice Chair Stathatos

The facility was visited on September 18, 2007, and found to be in outstanding condition.

The buildings are half transitional homes and half public rentals with profit from the public rentals funding the transitional project.

Trinity Children Family Services – 61, #5 – Vice Chair Stathatos

The facility was visited on September 20, 2007, and found to be in satisfactory condition.

United Care Inc. – 64, #3 – Commissioners Hall and Hammargren

The facility was visited on September 20, 2007, and found to be in satisfactory condition.

Areas of Concern: Freezer needs defrosting; bath tub needs caulking; home needs an additional fire extinguisher; non perishable food needs to be kept on site.

Hillsides Home For Children – 30, #4 – Vice Chair Stathatos

The facility was visited on September 24, 2007, and found to be in outstanding condition.

South Bay Bright Future – 58, #1 – Chair Montaña

The facility was visited on September 24, 2007, and found to be in satisfactory condition.

United American Indian - 64, #1 – Chair Montaña

The facility was visited on September 25, 2007, and no one was home.

Los Angeles County Sheriff's Jail Ward – Commissioners Bacio and Hall

This facility was visited on September 25, 2007 and was found to be in good condition.

Areas of Concern: Walkie Talkies have poor reception; vans need cages between driver and inmates; shortage of wheelchairs.

NEW BUSINESS/ANNOUNCEMENTS

There was none.

MATTERS NOT ON THE AGENDA (To be presented and placed on a future agenda)

Sybil Brand Commission Holiday Reception.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, Chair Montaña adjourned the meeting at 11:22 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Janice A. Davis
Commission Services Division